

CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMISSION AMENDED

AUGUST 7, 2002

4:00 P.M.

Vermillion County Emergency Response
Clinton, IN

CAC Members present -

Ramon Colombo

Richard Setliff

Dennis Lewis

Orville Alexander

Larry Bemis

Patrick Ralston

Pam Ferguson

Chuck Strobel

The meeting was called to order by Co Chairman Patrick Ralston. Roll call was taken by Rick Card. A quorum was present.

Mr. Ralston said the citizens of this area have voiced their concerns about incineration. They asked the Army to develop a different technology for disposal of VX. Mr. Ralston introduced Senator Bayh to those in attendance.

Senator Bayh remarked he was glad the incineration route was not taken. Events have proven this to be the right choice. Thanked the Lt. Colonel Marquart and the Guard for their service at the NECD. Latest word from contractors is work should start next August and finish next April. This is about three years ahead of schedule. In the President's budget there was \$161 million for the disposal process for all facilities across the country. But after September 11, they wanted to expedite the process. Just recently received an additional \$75 million more for the emergency supplemental budget. This money gets us a much higher level of finishing on time in nine months. Several of the structures for the disposal process will remain. Because we will finish about three years earlier, this will save taxpayers about \$530 million because of the security we will not have to provide. The site could be developed for economic purposes. What happens to the neutralized material? It is the Senator's understanding it is to be shipped out of Indiana for final disposal. He was most concerned about this issue. He will remain interested in this issue until final resolution.

Sara Morgan, CAIN - Thanked the Senator for attending. Ms. Morgan would like to dispel myth that recently surfaced back in May concerning the actions of then Governor Bayh took in the best interests of Indiana citizens. Some political opponents made statements that indicated that if it had not been for Senator's opposition to incineration, VX would be gone by now. This is absolutely false. Newport was always last on the list

for incineration sites. Since incineration was halted thanks in great part to Senator Bayh's efforts we can now see that Newport will be completed with neutralization well before sites that were getting incineration. He had ensured safety, accountability and expeditiousness. The critical issue now is the waste disposal. Those who have fought incineration are committed to seeing that wherever the waste ends up, the citizens in other communities should not bear the environmental burden. In stopping incineration here, only to have our waste burned somewhere else is not fair, not justifiable, particularly when there are other acceptable methods to handle the hydrolysate. The contractors who are responsible for operating the neutralization facility and disposal of the secondary waste have recommended three options for dealing with the waste - off site biotreatment, on site biotreatment and on-site Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO). All of these are acceptable to the members of CAIN. However the Army is still including off site incineration, deep well injection and biotreatment as options. She hopes the Senator agrees that burning the materials somewhere else is not the right thing to do. Even though they are commercially license facilities, any time you burn something, something goes into the air. Since they are against incineration, they are against it all the way along.

The Senator said he would continue to monitor this situation and thanked Ms. Morgan for her comments.

Questions - Jack Silotto

He is concerned about CAC membership and the CSEPP counties that are not represented. He said this board is dominated by members who are not part of the CSEPP counties. One CSEPP county is not represented at all. Mr. Silotto hopes the Senator's office and Governor O'Bannon would help with this situation. The Senator said he didn't know how the committee is chosen. Mr. Ralston said committee members are appointed by the Governor, and Mr. Ralston said he would pass this on to Governor's staff.

Economic Development Committee is working on the reuse of the property.

Mr. Ralston - State of Indiana is in receipt of the first \$10 million for terrorism money. This money will be used to provide equipment to 11 hazmat teams within 11 regions. In the 2003, budget Indiana is eligible for over \$100 million. Their goal is to provide equipment to all first responders in the State of Indiana. Indiana is an OSHA state. First responders must have 16 hours training before they can wear Level B suits. The state is in the process of securing contracts from vendors to purchase equipment.

On October 2, the Lt. Governor will be hosting a terrorism summit in Indianapolis. There will be some nationally known speakers there. On September 11, the Governor will be hosting a ceremony at the State House to commemorate 9-11.

Introductions

Paul Wojciechowski, Parsons
Jim McCarthy, Parsons

Chuck Galloway, Army Site Manager
Ellen Tobias, Eli Lilly and Vermillion County Economic Development
Susan Goodman, Vermillion County Chamber of Commerce
John Cheesewright, County Council, Farm Bureau
Tom Milligan, Vermillion County Economic Development, RAB
Terry Hill, West Central Community Hospital
Janice Lewis, citizen
Angie Hamilton, West Central Community Hospital
R.O. Stanley, State Emergency Management Agency
Jerry Sears, State Emergency Management Agency
Glen Shonkwilier, Army
Scott Rowden, NECDF
James Mars, NECDF
Scott Haraburda, NECDF
Dennis Lindsey, NECD PAO
Doug Stroud, NECD
Pat Haas, NECDF
Jim Giffel, United Association Local 151
Phaedon Karaioannogilov, Parsons
David Irvine, SBR Technologies
Jeff Brubaker, U. S. Army
Bob Lintelman, Government Support Contractor
Richard Lee, U. S. Army Government Team
Robert Kasper, Jacobs Engineering Group
Thomas Linson, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
Steve Davis, Indiana Department of Environmental Management
John C. Fenoglio, Vermillion County Economic Development
Henry Antonini, Clinton resident
Dave Crose, State Emergency Management Agency
Darla Eslinger, Parke County Emergency Management
Faye Coomer, Parke County Emergency Management
Joe Whitaker, Fountain County Emergency Management
Bobette Noggle, Vermillion County Emergency Management
Vicki Francis, Vermillion County Emergency Management
Sharon Smith, Newport Outreach Office
Ginger Corado, Parsons
Terry Arthur, NECD Public Affairs
Joseph F. Marquart, Commander, NECD
Clintonian reporter
Sara Morgan, CAIN
Joseph F. Osborn, VA Local 157
Teresa Osborn, VA Local 157
Leonard Akers, RAB and Local 157
Parsons
Paul Curry, Clinton Police Department
Michael Morgan, EOC Fire Coordinator

Tim Wilson, Vermillion County Commissioner
Jack Silotto, Vermillion County Council
Mary Silotto, Vermillion County Emergency Management
Beth Clark, State Emergency Management
Robert Spence, Vermillion County Sheriff Department
Michael A. Carty, Vermillion County Economic Development
Loretta Smith, Community Foundation
Kate Williams, WTO
Mike McGee, WTO
Rick Card, State Emergency Management Agency
Rick Callahan, Associated Press
Gary Brown, Piping Industry News

Approval of minutes - With the addition of Ray Colombo to the attendees present, a motion by Mr. Colombo and a second by Mr. Bemis to approve the minutes. Minutes stand corrected.

CSEPP Update - Rick Card

FEMA has agreed to support Indiana's request for siren upgrade. State of Indiana will perform maintenance contract. This saves the counties and the State \$70,000. To date, 1,783 IAS have been installed. This is about 300 more since the last CAC meeting. Rick introduced Jerry Sears as the new CSEPP field coordinator. FEMA has also agreed to fund the 2003 CSEPP calendar.

Commander Marquart - Security remains high at the Depot. Col. Marquart said he appreciates the understanding of the community about the restrictions. They will be rotating new soldiers in soon. The Depot will be having a fair well for the current troops on August 20. They are getting ready to move the stockpile from where it is currently stored to the magazines.

Chuck Galloway - Accelerated Destruction Process Comparison - Original base line plan was to process four tonne containers per day. With the accelerated process they plan to process 12 tonne containers per day. The process is very similar. They are taking away a lot of the automated portion.

Super Critical Water Oxidation (SCWO) - The technology worked but when it is upscaled to accommodate the industrial application at Newport, they had problems with fabrication and reliability and the amount of time the SCWO reactor remained operational. So they started looking at alternatives. September 11 brought about the need for an accelerated approach. Still wanted to use the same neutralization technology. Now will take the tonne containers into the plant, drain agent from the containers in a manual fashion, and destroy the agent by neutralization using the same reactor as in the baseline program. The initial plan as of now is to take the hydrolysate and dispose of it off site at a licensed treatment disposal facility. The tonne containers will be rinsed out and taken to a recycling plant for disposal. Mr. Galloway explained the glove box technique used on the tonne containers. Operations are planned to start in mid summer of 2003 and finish in the spring of 2004. The hydrolysate that will be produced

during neutralization and disposal process will result in about 900,000 gallons of hydrolysate that will have to be disposed of. Handouts were distributed to attendees showing the accelerated destruction process comparison, Newport schedule timeline, environmental strategies, and outreach.

They have also tried to work some parallel paths and solicit some interest by canvassing the treatment storage disposal community. Replies have been received and they have asked for proposals from ten of these firms. They will evaluate those proposals when received and not award any contract until they confirm through environmental assessment that this would be an appropriate method. If it is not, they would cancel the request for proposal.

Outreach - public meetings have been held in June, September, May and there are tentative plans for a meeting September.

Questions -

Ms. Morgan asked of Mr. Galloway in his other reports he has given percentages of completion. Could he do that now? Mr. Galloway replied that glove boxes were 80% complete. Other things about 30% but they are moving faster to the 100 % mark.

Mr. Strobel - questioned if the CAC might take a tour of the depot. Colonel Marquart said he will not entertain tours of the depot at this time because of security. But he would let the CAC know when a tour might be possible.

Question about the reactor - Mr. Galloway explained that it is a stainless steel vessel that has coils on the outside for heating and static mixers. The sodium hydroxide is put in the reactor, heated, and then VX is injected into it. Reaction occurs in seconds.

Terry Arthur - for the Outreach Office

They have moved along with newest issue of REACH. This will explain the accelerated neutralization process comment period.

Public comment - none

Old/new business - none

Next meeting - November 5 or 6. Motion to adjourn by Mr. Alexander with a second by Mr. Strobel.